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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S PRC VISIT

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1. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO NORWEGIANS FOR THE THOROUGH
DEBRIEFINGS THEY HAVE PROVIDED ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
VISIT TO THE PRC, REPORTS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN READ WITH
INTEREST HERE.

2. WE ARE STRUCK, HOWEVER, BY THE PRC THEME CITED BY
WILLY FREDERIKSEN IN REFTTEL (PARA 3), IN WHICH THE
CHINESE APPARENTLY CONTENDED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE TAIWAN
PROBLEM WOULD DECREASE TENSIONS IN THE AREA RATHER THAN
INCREASE THEM, THUS EASING AMERICA'S PACIFIC ROLE.
ALTHOUGH THIS THEME IS CONSISTENT WITH FORMULATIONS IN THE
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SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE (E.G. QUOTE: THE TWO SIDES...BELIEVE
THAT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES IS NOT ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHINESE AND
AMERICAN PEOPLES BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE RELAXATION
OF TENSION IN ASIA AND THE WORLD. END QUOTE), IT HAS
NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE BEEN USED BY THE CHINESE IN RECENT
YEARS IN DISCUSSING SINO-US RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN

VISITORS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, THEREFORE, IF NORWEGIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY COULD ELABORATE ON MANNER IN WHICH THIS
THEME AROSE, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, THE MOST PRECISE
POSSIBLE RENDERING OF THE CHINESE STATEMENT IN QUESTION.

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